

WHAT WILL THE NEW YEAR BRING.

BY FRANK D. WELCH. The old year fades into the past With all its joys and sorrows...

A QUESTION OF PRINCIPLE

It was New Year's eve in that cold and glorious climate where the snow lies on the bosom of the earth like a protecting mantle...

These were the first holidays since their wedding and they had anticipated a season of quiet enjoyment with each other...

Therefore it was at Alice's own suggestion that the society got up a bazaar for the sale of contributed goods...

She would not have had him know it on any account, inasmuch as he had been fond of games of chance when she married him...

"It's for dinner New Year's day," he said, holding up the white-feathered bird at arm's length...

The Lead Pencil.

A carload of California redwood was recently shipped to Nuremberg, in Germany, for use in the manufacture of lead pencils...

In the early ages he carried a stylus. In a New York museum one may see a pathetic memorial of the long past. In ancient Egypt the slate was of wax spread over a board...

Graphite is called black lead. Were pencils once made of refined lead? The small boy often has one of that kind, his own handwork...

A very grave wrong is being perpetrated against the American public by a reprint of one of the English competitors of the Funk & Wagnalls Standard dictionary...

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THE FIRST SNOW.

The robin round the granary eaves, Whisper and watch like little thieves, And, beside the hedge you stir, A party starts with a sudden whirr...

Margaret Brocton never for an instant suspected herself of being a sentimentalist. She thought she was modern in every particular, including heart and soul...

Then the villain appeared upon the scene in the shape of Louis Radcliffe, Jack's cousin. Louis was a delightful unmodern person who seemed to have taken for his model some of the early Victorian heroes...

Margaret knew perfectly, in her few sane hours, that she did not wish to marry Louis Radcliffe. She realized that he would develop into a thoroughly undesirable sort of a husband, even apart from his poverty...

When it was that Margaret showed how thoroughly lacking she was in the modern, mercenary spirit she had always claimed. It gave her a mournful satisfaction to think that, though she could not marry Louis—who, to tell the truth, had not asked her to do so—she need not marry Jack...

One evening three years after Louis Radcliffe had gone away she went to a reception. A little, pudgy woman, overdressed and overemerged, stood by her hostess's side...

Man's Chief End. From the Wilkes-Barre Sun. The venerable liar, the oldest inhabitant is telling how different the weather was this Thanksgiving from what it was when he was a youngster...

Poker Flat.

The Famous Old Place Has Died Out, as Have Most of Its Notabilities. Half an hour of slow descent and we reach the head of the canyon by a sharp turn in the trail...

On the porch of one of the six houses that now constitute the town of Poker Flat a large, red faced woman sat in a rocking chair smoking a clay pipe...

Thickly covered with chaparral, with here and there patches of wild sunflowers and lupine, interspersed with prospect holes, the slope presented a scene of utter ruin...

Poker Flat will not last long, and when the pioneers have all been gathered to their fathers this lively and romantic camp of early days will be forgotten and given over again to be a safe and sheltered feeding spot for wild deer...

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For and About Women.

Miss Marion S. Parker, the first woman to graduate from the engineering department of Michigan University, has entered the office of the resident engineers and architects of the Astor estate in New York city...

Revers of many of the new waists are not only bound with braid, but almost entirely covered with a braided design, while braided designs, showing two different colors, are one of the novelties of the season not to be ignored...

Those who have any old-fashioned buttons laid by should press them at once into their service, be they few or many, for they can be blown just at the waist or on pockets, bodices and sleeves...

Salts of lemon and oxalic acid remove iron mold and rust. Cover the stain with the powder, hold the cloth over a vessel and pour boiling water through; then wash in the usual way...

Spreading of corsets, few gymnasium-trained girls ever afterward want anything more strenuous in that line than the Empire belts, so-called, which are hardly wider than four inches and compress the waist not at all...

To keep the hands white, wash them in a sort of gruel of starch and oatmeal, made by boiling equal quantities of the ingredients with sufficient water to make a thin liquid...

Now is the time to start hacinth bulbs in glasses in order to have them flower early in the winter. The glasses must be filled with water, so as just to escape touching the base of the bulb...

Elephant Killing.

The Demand for Ivory is Responsible for the Big Animals Becoming Scarce. When we take into consideration the large quantity of ivory imported annually, it is not surprising that those interested in it should at times become somewhat anxious about future supplies...

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